

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

August 26th, 2017 Minutes

Monticello, IA

After welcoming all in attendance, CVIDS President Keith Reiwerts opened the meeting by showing the video recently made in the Reiwerts' Garden by Fran Riley (KWQC TV-6). This video can be accessed at: <http://www.kwqc.com/video?vid=433607733>

Announcements:

- 1) Treasurer Sue Kramer would be delighted to take your 2018 membership dues today or at any time. Membership fees are \$10 per person.
- 2) Regional President Zora Ronan announced that two CVIDS members were recognized at the recent AHS National Convention in Norfolk, VA. Nan Ripley (Walkabout Gardens) received the 2017 AHS Regional Service Award for Region One for her many contributions to our region. Jonathan Poulton was awarded the Best Scientific Award for his article "Genetically Engineering Those Blues?" that was published in the Daylily Pioneer, Vol. 17, No. 2, Fall 2016. He's now won that award two years in a row.
- 3) Zora mentioned that, because the AHS National meeting will be held in Wisconsin in 2019, CVIDS had requested that it be allowed to move its Regional meeting from 2019 to 2020. All parties had been in favor of this move. At the August 2017 meeting in Monticello, Zora raised the issue that, in order for CVIDS to get back into the "normal sequence" again, the club might consider hosting the 2024 Regional. This question will be discussed and brought to a vote at a later time.
- 4) Zora's garden was the subject of an article in the 2017 September/October issue of the Iowa Gardener Magazine.
- 5) Nancy Carlisle, Diane Derganz, Barbara McCreight and Ginger Preuss had success entering flower contests at local county fairs.
- 6) Health update: Several members should be kept in our thoughts and prayers: Clay & Kathy Dawson, Loren Hass, and Steve Parsons. Both Loren and Steve will be undergoing surgery on Friday, 1st September.
- 7) Keith reminded everyone of the passing of member Donna Denly on July 25, 2017.
- 8) CVIDS Charter members: The following charter members were present in the audience: Joy Adams, Donna Helgens, Gerald Hobbs, Dave & Sue Kramer, Mary Moore, Barry Stoll, and Jackie Westhoff.

- 9) Many thanks to Jan Null for picking up the key to the building.
- 10) Zora distributed the iris that were bid on at the club auction in May. Heather Harroun will take the unclaimed iris home and will mail them to auction winners upon request.
- 11) Diane Derganz provided an overview of the process for evaluating club plants which was made operational for the first time this summer. Keith thanked Diane and her team members Sara Hankemeier and Heather Harroun for all their hard work in this process.
- 12) Keith Riewerts raised the issue whether completing the evaluation of a club plant might become one of the many qualifiers for receiving a club plant in the future. Members should give this issue some thought.